

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5-9 are pending in this application. Claims 3 and 10-11 previously were cancelled. Claims 2, 4, and 12-21 are cancelled herein without prejudice pursuant to the restriction requirement.

Claim 1 is amended with respect to the elements A and X to conform to the election of Group 1 as set forth in the earlier restriction requirement. These amendments to claim 1 incorporate the limitations of claims 2 and 4, which are now cancelled.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's statements in the November 20, 2008 Office Action that the response filed October 16, 2008 has overcome the prior rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Double Patenting

The provisional rejection for double patenting is acknowledged. Submitted herewith are terminal disclaimers with respect to co-pending applications 10/576,731, 10/561,051, 10/561,050, 10/561,052, and 10/518,725.

In view of the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 913-3362 if the Examiner believes that this would expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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